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SUBJECT: CISCO TWO: FAMILY MESSAGES

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1. POL COUNSELOR JULY 25 DELIVERED FAMILY MESSAGES (REFTEL) TO MOFA'S AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR HAMID UNDER COVER OF AIDE MEOIRE READING AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE FAMILIES OF THE TWO AMERICAN CITIZEN EMPLOYEES OF COLLINS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE COMPANY REPORTELY ABDUCTED BY INSURGENT ELE ENTS FROM TRACT D OF KAGNEW STATION ON JULY 14 AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REQUEST THAT THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE ETHIOPIAN PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT BE INSTRUCTED TO HAVE THE ATTACHED MESSAGES BROADCAST OVER THE RADIO.

QUOTE THESE MESSAGES ARE PERSONAL APPEALS FROM THE FAMILIES CONFIDENTIAL

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TO THESE TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS TO THEM.

QUOTE IN THE ABSENCE OF WORK TO DATE FROM MESSRS. CAMPBELL ABD GARREKK IR THEIR ABDUCTORS, THE FAMILIES OF THESE MEN BELIEVE AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGREES THAT THEIR EFFORT OT OPEN UP HANNNELS OF COMMUNICATION IS TIMELY AND WORTHWHILE. QUOTE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, JULY 25, 1975. UNQUOTE

- 2. DIRECTOR SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY PUT REQUEST BEFORE THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND WOULD ADVISE US OF THEIR DECISION PROMPTLY. POL COUNSELOR EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT FAVORABLE DECISION WOULD QUICKLY BE FORTHCOMING. SUCH A RESPONSE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY USG.
- 3. HAVING HEARD NOTHING FROM THEM MOFA OVER WEEKEND, EMBASSY CHECKED BACK WITH DIRECTOR AFTERNOON JULY 28. DIRECTOR SAID THAT HE HAD CHECKED MATTER WITH HIGHER AUTHORITIES WHICH HAD NOW RESPONDED THAT BROADCASTING OF FAMILYMESAGES CURRENTLY IN-OPPORTUNE. HE GAVE NO REASON. POL CONSELOR INQUIRED WHETHER IT HAD BEEN TAKEN "BEYOND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY" I.E. TO THE DIRG) AND HAMID RESPONDED IN THE AFFIRMITIVE. POL COUNCELOR SAID THAT EMBASSY AND, NO DOUBT, WASHINGTON WOULD WELCOME THE THINKING OF HIGH AUTHORITIES" ON WHEN IT MIGHT BE OPPORTUNE TO PROCEED. DIRECTOR SAID HE WOULD INQUIRE.

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